



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

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**Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, January 27, 2009
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Jane St. John, Joe Hoffmann

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Cheryll Elmore, Rob Gilchrist, Jim Roach, John Turnbull, Anna Weigand, Daren Eads, Sarah Nix, Becky Barrick, Kristy LeVert, Dave Williams, Kim Ecenbarger

Interns: Kate Immens, Lysie Burton

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2008 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted December 10, 2008 – January 26, 2009
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

Mr. Coyne offered his congratulations to the staff for running a very successful state professional conference (IPRA) on January 21-23. Attendees from around the state appeared to have been pleased and impressed with the conference. Mr. Coyne also noted good representation from the Indiana University's Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Studies, in addition to representation from the Eppley Institute, Convention Center staff, and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau staff. He also acknowledged Winters and Associates for their generous sponsorship of the awards and the luncheon.

Mr. Renneisen echoed Mr. Coyne's congratulations stating that he has received several e-mails and other communications from attendees stating they were very pleased with the conference.

B-2. Parks Partner Award – The May Agency

This item was tabled until a later date.

B-3. Bravo Award – Danielle Urschel

Ms. Weigand addressed the Board stating that the January 2009 Bravo Award is being presented to Danielle Urschel for her volunteer service with the Rhino's afterschool programs. Ms. Urschel received her MFA from Indiana University with a concentration in printmaking. She has taught fine art courses at IU and volunteers throughout the community promoting art awareness. She is the parent of a Rhino's participant and has been a member of the Rhino's Advisory Board. Ms. Urschel offered her assistance to the Rhino's staff in 2008 to start the screen-printing program and was an integral part of getting this program off the ground. Because of her teaching skills and commitment to the program, she is now part of the afterschool staff and will remain so for the duration of 2009.

Ms. Urschel addressed the Board and offered her thanks to the Rhino's staff and the Board for their support of this program.

B-4. Staff Recognition – John Turnbull, Jim Roach

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and acknowledged the 20 year milestone of John Turnbull. He added that, at the time John was hired, Mr. Renneisen was the only regular full-time employee in the Sports Division and the department was approached by the Hoosier Amateur Sports Corporation to expand on amateur sports in the Bloomington area. They offered to split a position with the department to help grow the amateur sports arena. A few years later when the Hoosier Amateur Sports Corporation was absorbed into the Convention and Visitor's Bureau operations, Mr. Turnbull remained with the Parks and Recreation department as a full-time employee. He has since followed in Mr. Renneisen's footsteps through each of his promotions and the growth of the division.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and stated that following college he worked for two large corporations and then went to graduate school at Indiana University. He stated that it didn't take long to realize that, while the facilities were not always the best, quality programs and customer satisfaction is the highest priority to this staff and the Board and that's what he has found most appealing about his job here.

Mr. Coyne thanked Mr. Turnbull for his excellent work and appreciates his way of doing business.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and acknowledged the 20 year milestone of Jim Roach. Although Mr. Roach has been with the department for 20 years, he has only been with the Sports Division for the past five years. In addition to his full-time position with the department, Mr. Roach also serves as pastor at a local church.

Mr. Roach addressed the Board and stating that serving this department and the community has been a real pleasure. He mentioned that the many changes the department has gone through during the past 20 years have been incredible and it has been a large part of his life. He thanked the Board for their support.

B-5. Staff Introduction – Lysie Burton/Kate Immens

Ms. Burton introduced herself to the Board stating that she is currently in the third week of her internship with the department. She is working with Sarah Nix in the Community Events area and will be working with the upcoming Seusspicious Behavior and Egg Scramble events. She plans to graduate in May from Indiana University with a BS in Tourism Management and a minor in Recreation and Park Administration. She eventually would like to own her own event planning company or run a hotel or theme park. She feels very fortunate to have this internship.

Ms. Immens introduced herself to the Board stating that she is a senior at Indiana University majoring in Tourism Management. Her internship is with the Sports division working directly with John Turnbull. She will be helping with such programs as the Hoosier Hustle, and programs at the Cascades Golf Course and Frank Southern Ice Arena. She has prior work experience at golf courses, a restaurant, and a spa focusing on hospitality and customer service. At school she is involved in such activities as the IU Student Foundation, Monroe County United

Ministries, and Pi Beta Phi sorority. She also studied tourism abroad in Australia for one semester. She hopes to eventually work in the golf industry.

B-6. Park Foundation Report

Ms. Stuebe addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Park Foundation activities. The Foundation once again met their goal of raising \$15,000 for the 2008 Matchstick Grant campaign through the Community Foundation of Bloomington/Monroe County. With two \$5,000 angel donors and the Community Foundation providing a matching \$5,000, an additional \$30,000 will be added to the Lloyd Olcott Youth Scholarship Endowment through the Community Foundation. The Parks Foundation awarded almost \$24,000 in youth scholarships to 164 children from 110 families. The annual Don Brineman Golf Scramble raised over \$9,000. These funds also support youth scholarships and other initiatives of the Parks Foundation. In June a special "Thank You" event for Parks Foundation supporters was held at Oliver Winery where Jared Jeffries was the guest speaker. The Foundation adopted several operational policies that govern such things as document retention, whistle blowing, and conflict of interest. A fourth policy, the gift acceptance policy, will be reviewed/approved at a later date and an ad-hoc committee will review each non-monetary gift and give their recommendations for approval based on the gift acceptance policy. Officers were elected in December with Gayle Stuebe remaining as President; Valerie Pena, Vice President; Roberta Kelzer, Secretary; and Travis Vencel, Treasurer. Two new members were welcomed to the Board: Karin St. John and Jessica Merkel. In 2009 the Foundation plans to hold the annual Don Brineman Golf Scramble, the Friends of Parks event, and award many scholarships to qualified families. The Foundation continues to work on a five year plan and is working with the Eppley Institute to develop the strategies to meet these goals.

Mr. Carter stated that he has been very pleased with the new focus the Parks Foundation has taken on and feels it is a good mesh with the department.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Jazzercise

Mr. Gilchrist addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Jazzercise. He stated that this agreement has been in place since 1997. The partnership provides for marketing of the Jazzercise program in the seasonal Program Guide in addition to other resources available from the Department, in exchange for 10% of the gross receipts from program participants.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Jazzercise. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Resolution 09-01 NR Fund Appropriations

Ms. Elmore addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 09-01 appropriating the Non-Reverting Fund. She added that this Fund is not approved by the City Council, but is approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Non-Reverting Fund is made up of user fees and other fees that are not part of the tax base. The Fund must maintain a positive balance. The proposed 2009 Non-Reverting budget by unit is as follows:

Administration	\$32,000
Aquatics	\$71,099
Frank Southern Ice Arena	\$63,899
Rhino's After School	\$4,500
Golf Services	\$111,062
Natural Resources	\$325
Youth Services	\$216,654
Bloomington Adult Comm Ctr	\$30,034

Health and Wellness	\$700
Community Events	\$75,152
Adult Sports	\$283,920
Youth Sports	\$38,782
Benjamin Banneker Comm Ctr	\$64,485
Adult Services	\$60,763
Inclusive Recreation	\$305
Operations	\$34,606

The total 2009 Non-Reverting budget request is \$1,088,286.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve Resolution 09-01 approving the 2009 Non-Reverting Fund budget. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Ivy Tech Community College

Ms. Weigand addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Ivy Tech Community College. She stated that this is the second year for this partnership agreement which provides the “College for Kids” program to youth ages 11-14 during three weeks of summer break. The program allows youth the opportunity to explore various educational topics at Ivy Tech in the morning and then participate in summer camp recreational programming with Bloomington Parks and Recreation in the afternoon. She added that 2008 was a great first year for this program with 57 participants in the program. There are no major changes to this year’s partnership agreement. All camp registration will be March 7, including registration for the College for Kids program.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Ivy Tech Community College. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Rhino’s Youth Center

Ms. Weigand addressed the Board seeking approval of the Partnership Agreement with Rhino’s Youth Center. She stated that this partnership has been in place for the past 13 years. This partnership provides an ATOD alternative, adult supervised, recreation and entertainment option for Bloomington youth ages 13-21. More recently, BPRD and Harmony Education Center have partnered in creating Rhino’s after-school programming (Youth Radio in 2000, Youth Video in 2001, Mural Arts Project in 2002, and Youth Publication in 2003). Other collaborators include WFHB Radio and CATS TV. Grantors include United Way, CARES, and Indiana State and Monroe County Tobacco Prevention Coalitions. Ms. Weigand introduced Brad Wilhelm, Executive Director of Rhino’s.

Mr. Wilhelm addressed the Board and stated 2008 was a challenging year with additional state responsibilities added to his current duties. In addition, the loss of his assistant late in 2008 and the resignation of Ms. Weigand leaves some big voids to fill! He added that the new screen printing program has been very successful and is a great example of how this partnership works and has evolved over the years. He offered his sincere thanks to the Board for all of their support.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Rhino’s Youth Center. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Recommended Appointments to BACC Advisory Council

Mr. Eads addressed the Board seeking approval of the recommended appointments to the BACC Advisory Council. He stated that the council is comprised of nine appointed participants, two non-voting ex-officio members and two parks and recreation staff members. The advisory council members are appointed to a two year term. Staff recommends the re-appointment of Elton Rockwell, Pat Chase and Claire Gillen to the BACC Advisory Council. Their terms will be January 2009-December 2010.

Mr. Coyne stated that these are very dedicated individuals that do good work. Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the staff recommended appointments to the BACC Advisory Council. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Review/Approval of Recommended Appointments to ERAC Advisory Council

This item was tabled until a later date.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

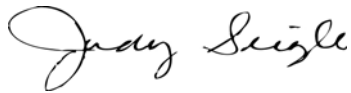
D-3. Recreation Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy Seigle".

Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners